

Online Programs in March and April, 2021

Parker River National Wildlife Refuge

The Merrimack: River at Risk

Screening Date & Time: Thursday, March 25 at 7:00 p.m.; Q&A following the screening

Join us for a journey on the Merrimack River, from its formation at the confluence of the Pemigewasset and Winnepesaukee Rivers in Franklin, NH to its outlet to the Gulf of Maine in Newburyport, Massachusetts. The Forest Society teamed up with conservation photographer and filmmaker Jerry Monkman to explore the central role the Merrimack plays in the past, present and future of our region.

The Merrimack River is the birthplace of the Industrial Revolution in America. Mills in cities such as Manchester and Lowell harnessed the power of the river to become the largest manufacturing plants in the world — and left polluted waters in their wake. Thanks a series of actions — from the protection of the White Mountains to the Clean Water Act of 1972 — the Merrimack's waters are cleaner and better protected today. Remarkably, more than 80 percent of the Merrimack watershed is still undeveloped and largely forested. Yet, in 2016, it was named one of the most endangered rivers in the U.S. (2020, run time: 55 mins.)

Registration for this screening is required. Send an email to parkerriver@fws.gov and write "Merrimack River" on the subject line. **Registration deadline is Wednesday, March 24 at Noon.** "Seats" are limited. Produced in 2020, the film has a running time of 60 minutes.

Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/435155661>

The Nature Makers

Screening Date & Time: Tuesday, April 20 at 7:00 p.m.

"The Nature Makers" is a moving portrait of passionate people and the extraordinary creatures they are fighting to preserve. In a world increasingly dominated by humans, three teams of wildlife conservationists go to seemingly unnatural lengths to try to save threatened species and habitat in the American heartland. Stunningly photographed in the Grand Canyon and on the American prairie, "The Nature Makers" follows rugged biologists who have deployed helicopters, giant bulldozers and a host of human tools to defend wild nature. In the 21st century, defending the wild often requires, quite paradoxically, technology and aggressive human intervention.

Registration for this screening is required. Send an email to parkerriver@fws.gov and write "Nature Makers" on the subject line. **Registration deadline is Monday, April 19 at Noon.** "Seats" are limited. Produced in 2020, the film has a running time of 70 minutes.

Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/382141229>

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